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Speculum anni a partu virginis, 1655.

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A New Almanack for the Year
of the Worlds Redemption, 1655.

Being the third from the Bissextile or
Leap-year.

Calculated and principally referred to
the Latitude and Meridian of the City of Dur-
ham, and may serve without any grosse error
for the whole Ile of great BRITAIN.

Composed and made by John Vaux, of
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Ut Annulus Annus.

Finitis anni antius principium et alterius.

As th^e old year ends the new begins,

Begin new lives, shake off old sins.

Saturnus perit, perierunt et sua jura:

sub Jove nunc mundus, iussa sequat^r Jovis.

Saturn is dead, his laws are all detai'd,

Jove rules the world, now Jove must be obey'd.

Miseri ora mirari, præsentia sequi

sapiens decet. Tacitus,

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The Common Notes, and moveable Feasts, for this present year, 1655. according both to the English and Reformed account.

The Julian, Sossigenian, or English Account.

The Lillan, Gregorian, or Romane Account.

The Golden Number	3	Aureus Numerus	3
The Cycle of the Sun	12	Cyclus Solaris	12
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Shrove Sunday, Feb.	23	Quinquagesima	Mar. 4
Eastre Day, April	15	Dominica Paschatis,	Apr. 25
Ascension Day, May	24	Ascensio Domini	June 3
Whitsunday, June	3	Pentecoste	June 13
Trinity Sund. June	20	Festus Trinitatis	June 20
Advent Sund. Decem	2	Adventus Domi.	Decemb. 12

From the Nativity of Christ to Shrove Sunday, hebdomada & dies inter Nat. Dom. is 8. weeks 6. dayes. | Interval. minus five Numer. & Elto mihi. hebdomada. 10. dies. 2.

3 weeks 0 dayes	Between Whitsunday and Midsummer	1 weeke, 4 dayes.
24 weeks	Between Whitsund. & Advent called Inter. majus.	22 weeks.

Veneris ingens sidus cum ategreditur Solem quæquodæ Grace, Lucifer Latine dicitur, Cum subsequitur & ab occasu resurgit, vesper, vespertinus & quæquodæ appellatur.

This bright shining Planet is Oriental, or our morning Star, this present year, untill the 4 day of February, 1655. But from thence she is Occidental, or our Evening Star untill the 19. day of November, at which time she beginneth to be Oriental, and so continueth untill the first day of September, 1656.

The Regiment which is usually given to the twelve signes of the Zodiaque over the Body of Man.

♊ Head and face.

♊ Neck and throat.

♊ Breast, stomach, and ribs.

♊ Bowels and belly.

♊ Secret members.

♊ Knees.



♊ Armes and shoulders.

♊ Heart and backe

♊ Reines and loynes

♊ Thighes.

♊ Legs.

♊ The Feet

But can he stand that is thus ill bestead?
Fish under foot, and Ram fixt on his head;
With all the rest that elsewhere have a part,
And chiefly Leo regular at heart.
Perphaps 'tis false, then thus resolve the doubt,
They'r slippery girles make Aries Part look out.

To the Buyers yearly of Almanacks and
Prognostications.

Prefatio, Sive admonitio pia & utilis.

Thou whose short span of life, as plain appears,
Hangs but upon the wast of some few years :
Which that Arithmetician best of men
Call but in his account threescore and ten.
How soon they will determine, dig thy grave,
Thou may'st observe, thou seest what wings they have,
How with no sound they wheel their rime about,
Eating with silence lives and leaves out :
As here's a date but yesterday renu'd,
No longer sinners yet doth a year conclude,
In which the Diary of little cost
Is now run out, and that small value lost
Wherewith 'twas purchas'd : If thou not extend
Thy thoughts, to make it thus far forth thy friend,
That every year thy Almanack thou buyest,
Th'art one year nearer to the year thou dyest :
And from that meditation so prepares
Thy life, that death not seize thee unawares.
One year thus to another yeilding room,
Have fill'd up many a Sepulcher and Tomb :
Fretted our Brasse with age, Marble with rust,
Converted Generations into dust.
From which collect, though here so young thou be,
This may be Doomes-dayes final year with thee ;
And from that motive such a method borrow,
As thou should'st live an Age, or dye to morrow.

January hath xxxj. dayes.

First quarter the 5 day, 6 min. past 2 in the afternoon.
Full moon the 12 day, 33 min. past 5 in the morning.
Last quarter the 19 day, 56 min. past 8 in the morning.
New moon the 27 day, 39 min. past 1 in the afternoon.

1	a	New yea. d.	8.21	1.39	feet	Calend.
2	b	Oft. Stephen	8.19	3.41	feet	4 No.
3	c	Oft. John	8.18	5.42	feet	3 no.
4	d	Oft. Ianoc.	8.17	7.43	head and	Pridie
5	e	Stmcon	8.15	9.45	face	Nemas.
6	f	Twelf day.	8.14	1.46	neck and	8 ^o Id.
7	g	1 Sun. af. Ep.	8.12	3.48	throats	7 Id.
8	a	Lucian.	8.10	5.50	arms and	6 Id.
9	b	Sol in Aqu.	8.8	7.52	shoulders	5 Id.
10	c	Paul. Her.	8.6	9.54	breast and	4 Id.
11	d	Linus	8.5	1.55	stomack	3 Id.
12	e	Archie m.	8.3	3.57	heart and	Pridie
13	f	Silary bish.	8.2	5.59	back	Idus
14	g	2 Sun. af. Ep.	8.0	7.0	bowels &	19 Cal.
15	a	Maur. Ab.	7.58	9.2	belly	18 cal.
16	b	Marcellus	7.57	1.3	reins	17 cal.
17	c	Anthony.	7.55	3.5	reins and	16 cal.
18	d	Pisca	7.53	5.7	loines	15 cal.
19	e	Wolstan.	7.51	7.9	sevens &	14 cal.
20	f	Oft. Hilla	7.49	9.11	bladder	13 cal.
21	g	3 Sun. af. Ep.	7.47	1.13	thighes	12 cal.
22	a	Vincent.	7.45	3.15	thighes	11 cal.
23	b	Term. begins	7.43	5.17	thighes	10 cal.
24	c	Timothy.	7.4	7.19	knees	9 cal.
25	d	Conb. Paul	7.40	9.10	knees	8 cal.
26	e	Polycarp.	7.38	1.12	legs	7 cal.
27	f	Quin. Hil.	7.36	3.14	legs	6 cal.
28	g	4 Sun. af. Ep.	7.34	5.16	legs	5 cal.
29	a	Valer. bish.	7.32	7.18	feet	4 cal.
30	b	Decol. C.R.	7.20	9.21	feet	3 cal.
31	c	Sat. e. wa.	7.27	1.22	head	Pridie

February hsth xxviii. dayes.

First quarter the 3 day, 11 min. before midnight.

Full moon the 10 day, 38 min. past 4 in the evening.

Last quarter the 18 day, 28 min. past 4 in the morning

New moon the 26 day, 42 min. past .5 in the morning.

M.D.	W.D.	Fixed feasts.	sun rise	sun set	Moons place.	Laine account
1	D	Widget.	7, 25	4, 35	face	Calend.
2	E	Purific. Mar.	7, 23	4, 37	neck and	4 No.
3	F	Craft. Purif.	7, 20	4, 40	throat	3 no
4	G	5. Sun. af. Eph.	7, 18	4, 42	armes and	Pridie
5	A	Agatha vir.	7, 16	4, 44	shoulders	Nonas
6	B	Dorothe vir.	7, 13	4, 47	breast and	8 id.
7	C	Angulus.	7, 11	4, 49	stomack	7 id.
8	D	Paul bish.	7, 9	4, 51	heart	6 id.
9	E	Octa. Purif.	7, 7	4, 53	heart and	5 id.
10	F	Sol. sub. pich.	7, 5	4, 55	back	4 id.
11	G	Septuagesim.	7, 3	4, 57	bowels &	3 id.
12	A	Term. ends.	7, 1	4, 59	belly	Pridie
13	B	Scholastica	6, 58	5, 2	vernes and	Idus
14	C	Valentine	6, 56	5, 4	loines	16 Cal.
15	D	Julian	6, 54	5, 6	secrets &	15 cal.
16	E	Faustine	6, 52	5, 8	bladder	14 cal.
17	F	Doliceontus	6, 50	5, 10	thighes	13 cal.
18	G	Sexagesima	6, 48	5, 12	thighes	12 cal.
19	A	Cabini.	6, 45	5, 15	thighes	11 cal.
20	B	Mildred.	6, 4	5, 17	knees	10 cal.
21	C	70 Martyrs	6, 41	5, 19	knees	9 cal.
22	D	Cathed. Pet.	6, 38	5, 22	legs	8 cal.
23	E	Cinerum.	6, 36	5, 4	legs	7 cal.
24	F	Nichias.	6, 34	5, 26	legs	6 cal.
25	G	Shrovesund.	6, 31	5, 29	feet	5 cal.
26	A	2 ^d of mar.	6, 29	5, 31	feet	4 cal.
27	B	Agust. 1 st	6, 27	5, 33	head and	3 cal.
28	C	Ash. Wednesd.	6, 24	5, 36	face	pridie

March hath xxxj. dayes.

First quarter the 5 day, at 8 in the morning.

Full moon the 12 day, 59 min. past 4 in the morning.

Last quarter the 20 day, 29 min. after midnight.

New moon the 27 day, 24 min. after 6 in the evening.

1	d	David bish.	6 22 5 38	neck	Calend.
2	r	Chad bish.	6 20 5 40	neck and	6 no.
3	f	Mar. & Aust	6 18 5 42	throat	5 no.
4		Quadragesim.	6 16 5 44	armes and	4 no.
5	a	Eusebius.	6 13 5 47	shoulders.	3 no.
6	b	Victor & H.	6 11 5 49	breast and	Pridie
7	c	Thom. Aqu.	6 9 5 51	stomack	Noon
8	d	11 martyrs	6 6 5 54	heart and	8 id.
9	e	Idilianus	6 4 5 56	back	7 id.
10	f	Dionisius	6 2 5 58	bowels &	6 id.
11	g	2 sund. in Lent	6 0 6 0	belly	5 id.
12	a	Archie.	5 58 6 2	reins and	4 id.
13	b	Theod. mart.	5 56 6 4	loins	3 id.
14	c	Candide	5 54 6 6	secrets	Pridie
15	d	Enginus.	5 51 6 9	secrets &	Idus
16	e	Gertrude v.	5 49 6 11	bladder	17 Cal.
17	f	Patrick bish.	5 47 6 13	thighes	16 cal.
18	g	3 sun. in Lent	5 44 6 16	thighes	15 cal.
19	a	Bother bish.	5 42 6 18	knees	14 cal.
20	b	Cuthbert.	5 40 6 20	knees	13 cal.
21	c	Benedictus	5 38 6 22	knees	12 cal.
22	d	Pythodorus	5 36 6 24	legs	11 cal.
23	e	Chesbore.	5 33 6 27	legs	10 cal.
24	f	Agapit mar.	5 31 6 29	feet	9 cal.
25	g	1 sun. in Lent	5 29 6 31	feet	8 cal.
26	a	Cuth. mart.	5 26 6 34	feet	7 cal.
27	b	Refur. Dom.	5 24 6 36	head and	6 cal.
28	c	Dorothy v.	5 21 6 38	face	5 cal.
29	d	Eustachius	5 20 6 40	neck and	4 cal.
30	e	Quirinus.	5 18 6 42	throat	3 cal.
31	f	Idelm. bish.	5 16 6 44	armes and	Pridie

April hath xxx days.

First quarter the 3 day, 9 min. before 2 in the afternoon.
Full moon the 10 day, 10 min. before 6 in the evening.
Last quarter the 18 day, 10 min. past 7 in the evening.
New moon the 26 day 25 min. past 4 in the morning.

1	☉	Sun. in Lent	5	14	6	46	shoulders	Calend.
2	a	Mary Egv.	5	13	6	48	breast and	4 No.
3	t	Richard bish.	5	10	6	50	stomack	3 no.
4	l	Ambrsious	5	8	6	52	heart and	Pridie
5	d	Incent m.	5	6	6	54	back	Nomas
6	e	Egellppus	5	4	6	56	bowels &	8 id.
7	f	Pal. 7 Virg.	5	2	6	58	belly	7 id.
8	☿	Palm Sunday.	4	59	7	1	reines	6 id.
9	a	Miseri Dom.	4	57	7	3	reines &	5 id.
10	b	Sol sub Taur.	4	55	7	5	loines	4 id.
11	c	Justinus	4	53	7	7	secrets &	3 id.
12	d	Maun. Thurs.	4	51	7	9	bladder	Pridie
13	e	Good Friday.	4	49	7	11	thighes	Idus
14	f	Jubilate	4	47	7	13	thighes	18 Cal.
15	☿	Easter day.	4	45	7	15	thighes	17 cal.
16	a	Alldoze Bt.	4	43	7	18	knees	16 cal.
17	t	Anicete bish.	4	40	7	20	knees	15 cal.
18	c	Euthercus.	4	38	7	22	legs	14 cal.
19	d	Alphage	4	36	7	24	legs	13 cal.
20	e	Micaz	4	34	7	26	legs	12 cal.
21	f	Antate	4	32	7	28	feet	11 cal.
22	☿	Low Sunday.	4	30	7	30	feet	10 cal.
23	a	S. George.	4	28	7	32	head and	9 cal.
24	b	Will rid.	4	26	7	34	face	8 cal.
25	c	Mark Evang.	4	24	7	36	neck and	7 cal.
26	d	Cletus	4	22	7	38	throas	6 cal.
27	e	Anastatius	4	20	7	40	armes and	5 cal.
28	f	Aliza's mor.	4	18	7	42	shoulders	4 cal.
29	☿	1 Sun. af. East.	4	16	7	44	breast &	3 cal.
30	a	Quind. pasch.	4	14	7	46	stomack	Pridie

May hath xxxj days.

First quarter the 2 day, 21 min: past 8 in the evening.

Full moon the 10 day, 19 min: past 9 in the morning

Last quarter the 18 day, 15 min: before highnoon.

New moon the 25 day, 22 min: past highnoon.

1		hil. & Jac.	4	12	7	48	heart and	Calend.
2	c	Terin begins.	4	10	7	49	back	6 No.
3	d	Inuent. cru.	4	8	7	52	bowels	5 no.
4	e	* hristoph.	4	6	7	54	bowels &	4 no.
5	f	Gothardus	4	4	7	56	bely	3 no.
6	g	3 sun. af. East.	4	3	7	57	veins and	pride
7	a	Tres Pascha	4	1	7	59	loines	Nonas
8	o	A-pa S.M	4	0	8	0	secrets and	8 id.
9	c	Gregory bil.	3	5	8	2	bladder	7 id.
10	d	Gordian.	3	5	7	8	thighes	6 id.
11	e	Sol sub Gem	3	5	5	8	thighes	5 id.
12	f	Pancratiu	3	5	4	8	thighes	4 id.
13	g	4 Sun. af. East.	3	5	2	8	knees	3 id.
14	a	Mens. pasch.	3	5	1	8	knees	Pradie
15	b	Judoem	3	4	9	8	legs	Idus
16	c	Dioscor mar.	3	4	7	8	legs	17 Cal.
17	d	ica tran.	3	4	6	8	legs	16 cal.
18	e	Restit. virg.	3	4	4	8	feet	15 cal.
19	f	Dunst con.	3	4	3	8	feet	14 cal.
20	g	Rogation sun.	3	4	2	8	head	13 cal.
21	a	Quing. Pasch.	3	4	1	8	head and	12 cal.
22	b	Wesderit	3	4	0	8	face	11 cal.
23	c	Parmene	3	3	9	8	neck and	10 cal.
24	d	Ascension day	3	3	8	8	throat	9 cal.
25	e	Craft. Ascen.	3	3	7	8	armes and	8 cal.
26	f	ede	3	3	6	8	frontleys	7 cal.
27	g	6 sun. af. East.	3	3	5	8	breast and	6 cal.
28	a	Terin ends.	3	3	4	8	stomack	5 cal.
29	b	Fricheme c.	3	3	3	8	heart &	4 cal.
30	c	Felix bish.	3	3	2	8	back	3 cal.
31	d	Pereus	3	3	1	8	bowels &	Pradie

June hath xxx dayes.

First quarter the 1 day, 41 min. past 3 in the morning.
 Full moon the 8 day, 2 min. after 10 at night.
 Last quarter the 17 day, 44 min. after midnight.
 New moon the 23 day, 25 min. after 7 in the evening.
 First quarter the 30 day, 44 min. after high noon.

1	f	Alchomede	3	30	8	30	belly	Calend.	
2	f	Parcellinus	3	30	8	30	reins and	4	No.
3	o	Whitunday	3	29	8	31	loins	3	no.
4	d	Petroclus	3	29	8	31	secrets	Pride	
5	d	Boniface.	3	28	8	32	secrets	Nonas	
6	c	Claudius	3	28	8	32	bladder	8	id.
7	d	Wolff. trans.	3	28	8	32	thighes	7	id.
8	c	Medard	3	28	8	32	thighes	6	id.
9	f	Edm. trans.	3	28	8	32	knees	5	id.
10	o	Trinity Sund	3	28	8	32	knees	4	id.
11	a	Craft. Trin.	3	27	8	33	legs	3	id.
12	b	Sol hab. cancro	3	27	8	33	legs	Pride	
13	c	Bish. Basil.	3	27	8	33	feet	Idus	
14	d	Corpus Chri.	3	27	8	33	feet	18	Cal.
15	e	Leet begins	3	28	8	32	feet	17	cal.
16	f	Kolland	3	28	8	32	head and	16	cal.
17	o	1 sun af. Tri.	3	28	8	32	face	15	cal.
18	a	Oct. Trinitat.	3	28	8	32	neck and	14	cal.
19	b	Gervailus	3	28	8	32	throat	13	cal.
20	c	Walburge	3	28	8	32	armes and	12	cal.
21	d	Libane M.	3	29	8	31	shoulders	11	cal.
22	e	Stil est. po.	3	29	8	31	breast	10	cal.
23	f	Etheld. Cl.	3	30	8	30	stomack	9	cal.
24	o	John Bapt	3	30	8	30	heart	8	cal.
25	a	Quind. Trinitat	3	31	8	29	heart and	7	cal.
26	b	Jogn & Paul	3	32	8	28	back	6	cal.
27	c	7 Sleepers	3	31	8	27	bowels	5	cal.
28	d	Leo Bish.	3	34	8	26	belly	4	cal.
29	e	Peter Apostle	3	35	8	25	reins and	3	cal.
30	f	Em. of Dani	3	36	8	24	loines	Pride	

July hath xxxi dayes.

Full moon the 8 day, 32 min. past 1 in the afternoon.
 Last quarter the 16 day, 5 min. before high noon.
 New moon the 23 day, 31 min. past 2 in the morning.
 First quarter the 30 day, 56 min. past midnight.

1	3	sun. af. Trin.	3 37 3	23	secrets	Calend.
2	n	1 res Trinitat.	3 38 8	22	secrets &	6 No.
3	b	Trans. Tho	3 39 8	21	bladder	5 no.
4	c	Pen ends.	3 40 8	20	Thighes	4 no.
5	d	Mod Virgin	3 41 8	19	thighes	3 no.
6	e	Oct. S. Peter	3 42 8	18	knees	Pridie
7	f	Wart. trans.	3 43 8	17	knees	Nonas
8	g	4 sun. af. Trin.	3 44 8	16	knees	8 id.
9	h	5 imon bis	3 46 8	14	legs	7 id.
10	i	7 Breth W	3 47 8	13	legs	6 id.
11	j	Ben. trans.	3 49 8	11	feet	5 id.
12	k	Nab. & fel	3 51 8	9	feet	4 id.
13	l	Sol sub Leone	3 52 8	8	feet	3 id.
14	m	Obis. Apo.	3 55 8	6	head and	Pridie
15	n	5 sun. af. Trin.	3 55 8	5	face	Idus
16	o	Gerelm	3 57 8	3	neck and	17 Cal.
17	p	Tho. Tran.	3 58 8	2	ibroat	16 cal.
18	q	Arnulph	4 0 8	0	armes &	15 cal.
19	r	Dog dais beg	4 1 7	59	shoulders	14 cal.
20	s	Margaret b	4 3 7	57	breast and	13 cal.
21	t	Marques b.	4 4 7	51	stomack	12 cal.
22	u	6 sun af. Trin.	4 6 7	54	heart and	11 cal.
23	v	Apoll bith	4 8 7	52	back	10 cal.
24	w	2 hr Rina	4 10 7	50	Bowels	9 cal.
25	x	James Apoll	4 12 7	48	bowels &	8 cal.
26	y	Anne in ma.	4 14 7	46	belly	7 cal.
27	z	7 sleepers.	4 16 7	44	reins and	6 cal.
28	a	Hampf W	4 18 7	42	loines	5 cal.
29	b	7 sun. af. Trin.	4 20 7	40	secrets and	4 cal.
30	c	Mary Mag	4 22 7	38	bladder.	3 cal.
31	d	Germane b	4 24 7	36	thighes	Pridie

August hath xxxj. dayes.

Full moon the 7 day, 55 min. past 4 in the morning.
 Last quarter the 14 day, 3 min. after 7 in the evening.
 New moon the 21 day, 17 min. past 10 in the forenoon.
 First quarter the 28 day, 48 min. past 3 in the afternoon.

1	c	Lammes day	4 26 7 34	thighes	Calend.
2	d	Stephen. B.	4 28 7 32	thighes	4 No.
3	e	Ind. Steph	4 30 7 30	knees	3 no.
4	f	Britharchus	4 32 7 28	knees	2 idie
5	G	Sun. af. Tri.	4 34 7 26	legs	Nonas
6	a	Trans. Chr.	4 36 7 24	legs	8 id.
7	b	Donatus b.	4 38 7 22	legs	7 id.
8	c	Syrthack	4 40 7 20	feet	6 id.
9	d	Romanus m.	4 42 7 18	feet	5 id.
10	e	Laurence	4 45 7 15	head and	4 id.
11	f	Elburt. mar.	4 47 7 13	face	3 id.
12	G	Sun. af. Tri.	4 49 7 11	neck	2 idie
13	a	Sol. sub VI.	4 51 7 9	neck and	Idus.
14	b	Gulching.	4 53 7 7	throas	19 Cal.
15	c	Thump. M.	4 55 7 5	arms and	18 cal.
16	d	Rechus ma.	4 57 7 3	shoulders	17 cal.
17	e	Dr. of Asur.	4 59 7 1	breast and	16 cal.
18	f	Helena	5 2 6 58	stomack	15 cal.
19	G	Sun. af. Tri.	5 4 6 56	Hears and	14 cal.
20	a	Radowick.	5 6 6 54	Back	13 cal.
21	b	Bernard.	5 8 6 52	bowels &	12 cal.
22	c	Dr. Thump	5 10 6 50	belly	11 cal.
23	d	Zecheus	5 12 6 48	reines and	10 cal.
24	e	Barth. Apost.	5 14 6 46	loines	9 cal.
25	f	Andronicus	5 16 6 44	secrets &	8 cal.
26	G	Sun. af. Tri.	5 18 6 42	bladder	7 cal.
27	a	Wm. first.	5 20 6 40	thighes	6 cal.
28	b	Dog dayes end	5 22 6 38	thighes	5 cal.
29	c	W. F. head	5 24 6 36	thighes	4 cal.
30	d	Felix & Jn.	5 26 6 34	knees	3 cal.
31	e	Barthine.	5 29 6 31	knees	2 idie

September hath xxx. dayes.

Full moon the 5 day, 50 min. past 7 in the evening.

Last quarter the 13 day, 5 min. past 2 in the morning.

New moon the 20 day, 29 min. past 8 in the evening.

First quarter the 27 day, 48 min. past 10 in the forenoon.

1	f	Giles abbot.	5	8	6	9	knees	Calend.
2	g	11 sun. af. Tri.	5	33	6	27	legs	4 No.
3	a	Pydin. Gz.	5	36	6	24	legs	7 no.
4	b	Cr. of Euth.	5	38	6	22	feet	Pridie
5	c	Bertine	5	40	6	20	feet	Nonas
6	d	Eugen. conf.	5	42	6	18	head	8 id.
7	e	Pat. M. Eliz.	5	44	6	16	head and	7 id.
8	f	Pat. b. Mariz.	5	47	6	13	face	6 id.
9	g	13 sun. af. Tri.	5	49	6	11	Neck and	5 id.
10	a	Silpius.	5	51	6	9	throats	4 id.
11	b	Hiacynthus	5	54	6	6	armes and	3 id.
12	c	Maritan	5	56	6	4	shoulders	pridie
13	d	Sol sub. Libra	5	58	6	2	breast and	Idus
14	e	Exaltatio cru	6	0	6	0	stomach	18 Cal.
15	f	Or, of Mary	6	2	5	58	heart and	17 cal.
16	g	14 sun. af. Tri.	6	4	5	56	back	16 cal.
17	a	Lambert.	6	6	5	54	bowels &	15 cal.
18	b	Victor colon.	6	9	5	51	belly	14 cal.
19	c	Januarius	6	11	5	49	reines	13 cal.
20	d	Eustachius	6	13	5	47	reins and	12 cal.
21	e	Matth. Apost.	6	16	5	45	loins.	11 cal.
22	f	Mauritius	6	18	5	42	secrets &	10 cal.
23	g	15 Sun. af. Tri.	6	20	5	40	bladder	9 cal.
24	a	Andochens.	6	22	5	38	thighes	8 cal.
25	b	Firmine	6	24	5	36	thighes	7 cal.
26	c	Egyptian	6	27	5	33	knees	6 cal.
27	d	Cole & Dam	6	29	5	31	knees	5 cal.
28	e	Exuperius	6	31	5	29	knees	4 cal.
29	f	Michael arch.	6	34	5	26	legs	3 cal.
30	g	16 sun. af. Tri.	6	36	5	24	legs	pridie

October hath xxxij dayes.

Full moon the 5 day, 21 min. before high noon.
 Last quarter the 12 day, 1 min. after 9 in the fore noon.
 New moon the 19 day, 6 min. past 4 in the morning.
 First quarter the 27 day, 41 min. past 7 in the morning.

1	a	Remegius.	6 38 5 22	feet	Calend.
2	b	Leodegarius	6 41 5 19	feet	6 No
3	c	Canold. mar.	6 43 5 17	feet	5 no.
4	d	Francis con.	6 45 5 15	head and	4 no.
5	e	Spoline ma.	6 48 5 12	face	3 no.
6	f	Faith v. & m.	6 52 5 10	neck and	pridie
7	g	17 sun. af. Tri.	6 52 5 8	throat	nonas
8	a	Wark & mar.	6 54 5 6	armes and	8 Id.
9	b	Dionisius	6 56 5 4	shoulders	7 id.
10	c	Ger & Wic.	6 58 5 2	breast &	6 id.
11	d	Burchard	7 1 4 59	stomack	5 id.
12	e	Colmannus	7 3 4 57	heart	4 id.
13	f	Welfrid bish.	7 5 4 55	heart and	3 id.
14	g	18 sun. af. Tri.	7 7 4 53	back	pridie
15	a	Isidore Scorp.	7 9 4 51	bowels &	Idus
16	b	Gallus	7 11 4 49	belly	17 cal.
17	c	Ethelred	7 13 4 47	Reines &	16 cal.
18	d	Luke Evang.	7 16 4 44	loins	15 cal.
19	e	Ptolomeus	7 18 4 42	secrets &	14 cal.
20	f	Tres Michael	7 20 4 40	bladder.	13 cal.
21	g	19 sun. af. Tri.	7 23 4 37	thighes	12 cal.
22	a	Mary Sal.	7 25 4 35	thighes	11 cal.
23	b	Term begins	7 27 4 33	thighes	10 cal.
24	c	Magloste	7 29 4 31	knees	9 cal.
25	d	Crispine	7 32 4 18	knees	8 cal.
26	e	Simandus	7 34 4 26	legs	7 cal.
27	f	Mens Mich.	7 36 4 24	legs	6 cal.
28	g	St. & Jude	7 38 4 22	legs	5 cal.
29	a	Marcus	7 40 4 20	feet	4 cal.
30	b	Germane	7 42 4 19	feet	3 cal.
31	c	Quintine	7 43 4 17	Head &	pridie

November hath xxx daies.

Full moon the 3 day, 21 min. past 10 at night.

Last quarter the 10 day, 4 min. before 5 in the evening

New moon the 18 day, 3 min. after midnight.

First quarter the 26 day, 32 min. after 4 in the morning

1	b	All Saints.	7	45	4	15	face	Calend.
2	c	All soules	7	47	4	13	neck	4 no
3	f	Craft. Anim.	7	49	4	11	neck and	3 no.
4	g	21 sun. af. Tri.	7	51	4	9	throat	pridle
5	a	Powder Tre.	7	53	4	7	armes and	nanas
6	c	Leonard	7	55	4	5	shoulders	8 id.
7	c	Wilfride	7	57	4	3	breast &	7 id.
8	d	4 Crooked	7	58	4	2	stomack	6 id.
9	e	Theod. mar.	8	0	4	0	bears and	5 id.
10	f	Erithon	8	1	3	59	back	4 id.
11	g	24 sun. af. Tri.	8	3	3	57	bowels &	3 id.
12	a	Craft. Mart.	8	5	3	55	belly.	pridle
13	b	Sol. Sub. Sact.	8	6	3	54	reins and	ldus
14	c	Cran. of Cr.	8	8	3	53	loines	18 Cal.
15	d	Spacule	8	10	3	50	secrets	17 cal.
16	e	Edm. B. Ca.	8	12	3	48	secrets &	16 cal.
17	f	Hugh bish. A.	8	14	3	46	bladder	15 cal.
18	g	23 sun. af. Tri.	8	15	3	45	thighes	14 cal.
19	a	Octab. Mart.	8	17	3	43	thighes	13 cal.
20	b	Edward	8	18	3	42	knees	12 cal.
21	c	Obat. of w.	8	19	3	41	knees	11 cal.
22	d	Steele virg	8	21	3	39	legs	10 cal.
23	e	4 lement	8	22	3	38	legs	9 cal.
24	f	Chrysogonus	8	23	3	37	legs	8 cal.
25	g	24 sun. af. Trin	8	24	3	36	feet	7 cal.
26	a	Quind. Mart.	8	25	3	35	feet	6 cal.
27	b	Agricola	8	26	3	34	head	5 cal.
28	c	Term ends.	8	27	3	33	head and	4 cal.
29	d	Saturnia	8	28	3	32	face	3 cal.
30	e	Andrew Apo.	8	29	3	31	neck and	pridle

December hath xxxj. dayes.

Full moon the 3 day, 16 min. after 10 in the forenoon.
 Last quarter the 10 day, 30 min. past 1 in the morning.
 New moon the 17 day, 8 min. past 6 in the evening.
 First quarter the 25 day, 6 min. after 11 at night.

1	E	Eligius	8	29	3	31	throat	Calend.	
2	B	Advent sund.	8	30	3	30	arms and	4	No
3	A	Dep. o. Ol.	8	30	3	30	shoulders	3	no
4	V	Barbara vir.	8	31	3	29	breast and	Pridie	
5	C	Sab. abbot	8	31	3	29	stomack	Nonas	
6	V	Nicholaus	8	32	3	28	Hears and	8	Id.
7	E	Ambr. bish.	8	32	3	28	back	7	Id.
8	E	Concept. Mary	8	32	3	28	bowels &	6	Id.
9	B	Isa. in Adv.	8	32	3	28	belly	5	Id.
10	A	Eulal virg	8	32	3	28	reins and	4	Id.
11	B	Damasus	8	32	3	28	loins	3	Id.
12	C	Sol sub Capri.	8	33	3	27	secrets	Pridie	
13	A	Rusp virg.	8	32	3	28	secrets &	Idus	
14	E	Nicasius	8	32	3	28	b'adder	19	Cal.
15	E	Valerius	8	32	3	28	thighes	18	cal.
16	B	Isa. in Adv.	8	32	3	28	thighes	17	cal.
17	A	Dionisius	8	32	3	28	knees	16	cal.
18	V	Hazarus	8	32	3	28	knees	15	cal.
19	C	Altor	8	31	3	29	knees	14	cal.
20	B	Julian mar.	8	31	3	29	legs	13	cal.
21	E	Tho. Apost.	8	30	3	30	legs	12	cal.
22	E	Candidus	8	30	3	30	feet	11	cal.
23	B	Isa. in Adv.	8	29	3	31	feet	10	cal.
24	A	Altor. virg	8	29	3	31	feet	9	cal.
25	V	Nat. of Christ	8	28	3	32	head and	8	cal.
26	C	Stephen	8	27	3	32	face	7	cal.
27	B	John Evang.	8	26	3	34	neck and	6	cal.
28	E	Innocents day	8	25	3	35	thro. is	5	cal.
29	E	Tho. Becket	8	24	3	36	armes &	4	cal.
30	B	Isa. af. Chri.	8	23	3	37	shoulders	3	cal.
31	A	James transf	8	22	3	38	breast	Pridie	

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to the precedent Calendar
for this present Year of
Grace, 1655.

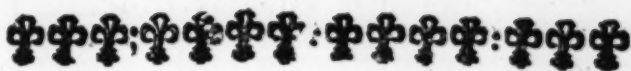
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declaration of the several Eclipses of the two
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full, pleasant, and profitable rules and notes,
fit for the observation of Scholars, and o-
thers.

By John Vaux of S. Hellens-Arckland.
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35 Edition.

Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand,
Matt. 3. 2. Sed,
Hec vivunt homines tanquam mors nulla sequatur,
Aut velut Infernus fabula vana foret.
Alas men live as they should never die,
Or though all speech of Hell were a stark lie.

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To the Learned and Judicious Reade

Courteous Reader, Having once again ad-
ventured my naked Statue on the stage of
the world, I desire, if thou find it stragling, to
cloath my nakedness with the cloak of thy Counte-
nance, and shelter it a little under the wings of
thy worth; and then I care not for the barking of
those Bull-dogs which are tyed up fast in the
chains of ignorance, nor for the scornfull glance
of him that looks awry, but dares not write. I pre-
sume I live in a Region, beyond the Vulgars
reach, and am moved in a sphere without the cir-
cumference of their capacity: I pray thee therefore
to look on my labour with a Δ aspect, and then
let the gens ignara quartilize, look lowring,
champ and chew the bit, until their jaws be better
season'd. In the interim I desire that the weather
beaten barque of my weak deservings may glide
within the Mediterranean sea of thy good opini-
on; So shalt thou oblige me to continue, now
and ever,

Thy observant Servant,
John Vaux.

To the Reader.

*Sunt qui nostra ferunt mensis epulanda cruentis
Corpora : & humanos absument dentibus artus.*

Sed

Arbitrii non est nostri, quid quisque loquatur.

Suppose before thou read at all,
(Or else thou read'st amiss,)
That mighty *Jove* rules great and small,
And all the world is his.
He deckt the Skie with fixed Starrs,
He made the Planets seven,
And Signes; he hath assigned bounds
For all things under heaven ;
So that, ne *Saturn*, *Mars*, the *Moon*,
Nor fickle *Mercury*,
How so (by aspects ill inclin'd)
Can work their Injury ,
No further than *Jehovah* will :
No not our strongest foe,
Satan (of air the Prince) one jot
Beyond his bounds can go :
Ne yet well-willing *Jupiter*,
Nor *Sol* benevolent ,
Nor friendly *Venus* (well-dispos'd)
Can work to us content,
Except the Worker of the World,
(Whose pleasure stands for Law,)
Permit their force to have effect,
Who holds all under awe.
Yet this conceive, or else amiss,
(I judge) thou art again,
That nothing under heaven at all
Created is in vain
For every Plant some vertue hath,
No Element (we see)
No metal, shrub, nor simple is,
On earth, but us'd may be.

Much

To the Reader.

Much more the Starres celestial,
And wandring Planets seven,
A greater vertue needs must have,
As nearer unto heaven;
Whose influence, morions, and aspects,
As in their course they be,
Doe rule in Creatures here below,
And bodies (as we see.)
As for example doth the Sun,
The seasons of the year;
And eke the Moon all bodies moist,
As by the Seas appear.
No less the rest as strong as those,
As learned writers show,
May change the air, and work effects,
On creatures here below,
Which happeneth by the change and course
Of Planets plac'd above,
By skillfull Art and Reasons good,
As Astrologians prove.
But all the glory (to conclude,)
To God of right must fall,
The onely Monarch of the World,
Who is only all in all,

Sit soli gloria Deo. Amen.



A Compendious Chronologie of years expired within the Com- pass of this present year, 1655.

Since	A Condito Mundo juxta Orientalis Ecclesie	Græce	
	placita		7163
	Occidentalis Ecclesie Romane tradita		6853
	Judeorum & Rabbinorum recentium monumenta		5415
	Juxta sacras literas & historicos fide digniores		5604
	The Sun stood still in Josuah's time		3059
	The destruction of the City of Troy		2839
	Erute entred this Iland of Britain		2762
	The building of the famous City of London		2762
	Yorke was built		2621
	The building of the (sometimes) famous City of Rome		1046
	The Sun returned 10 degrees backward		2343
	A Constitutione Anni Juliani 365 dier. hor. 6.	1699	
	A Correctione Gregoriana, or Roman Account, qua annus 365 dier. 5. hor. 49 min. 12 sec. factus est		72
	Jerusalem utterly destroyed by Titus Vespasian		1572
	The Christian Faith generally received in	England,	1478
		Scotland,	1452
		Ireland.	1225
	Constantine the Great King of Great Britain		1245
	The building of Durham Abbey		660
		Duke	

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Since

Duke <i>William</i> conquered <i>England</i>	589
The miraculous sinking of <i>Hell-kettles</i>	474
<i>Westminster</i> was built	535
The coyning of <i>Durham</i> pence	459
The first Mayor of <i>London</i>	474
The Bible was divided into Chapters	448
The famous battell at <i>Nevill</i> Crosse near <i>Dur-</i> <i>ham</i>	309
Pope <i>Urbanus</i> the 4th made a new holiday in ho- nour of the Sacrament, and called it <i>Corpus</i> <i>Christi</i> day.	390
The rare Mystery and Art of PRINTING, in <i>Mentz</i> .	215
The Invention of Guns	275
The building of <i>Newton</i> Bridge by <i>Walt. Shir-</i> <i>ley</i>	273
<i>Bulloigne</i> was conquered by K. <i>Henry</i> the 8.	138
The Original of the <i>Anabaptists</i>	130
<i>Martin Luther</i> began to oppose the Pope	138
Duke of <i>Saxony</i> with others in League protested against the Decree of <i>Ferdinand</i> , and thereup- on were called PROTESTANTS	126
The use of Coaches came into <i>England</i>	99
The Royal Exchange by Sir <i>Thomas Gref-</i> <i>ham</i>	90
The Rebellion of the Earles of <i>Northumberland</i> and <i>Westmorland</i>	85
The great Massacre in <i>France</i>	93
<i>Tilbury</i> Camp in <i>Essex</i> upon Saint <i>James</i> his day	67
The great fire in <i>Darlington</i>	69
The great Eclipse of the Sun, ever since called the dark Saturday	58
The Diabolicall Attempt of the Powder Trea- - son	50
The last great Frost	46
The Plantation of <i>Virginia</i>	43

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Since	Smithfield was paved and railed	43
	King James his Progress into Scotland	37
	The birth of Prince Charles	25
	The last great snow	20
	The beginning of the late Parliament	15
	The Earl of Strafford was beheaded	14
	The battel of Keynton, Octob. 23	13
	The fight at Brainford, Novemb. 12	13
	The Scots came to assist the Parliament	12
	The battel at Newberry	11
	The great battel at Yorke	11
	The fight at Naseby	10
King Charles was beheaded	7	
	The Engagement against Monarchal Govern- ment was generally taken throughout this Common-wealth.	4

Ubi in Calendario singulis fere diebus uniuscujusq; Men-
sis, Sanctorum (quos vocant) nomina apposui, id eò
feci, amice Lector, non quod eos omnes pro Divis habeo
quorum aliquos ne in bonus quidem duco, aut quod alioquin
(si sanctissimi sint) iis divinum cultum atq; honorem tribu-
endum censeo ; sed ut rectarum quarundam rerum (quarum
stata tempora noscere plurimum refert, quarumq; ignoratio
nostris hominibus obesse possit) quasi notæ quædam sint atq;
indicia. Atq; hæc quidem hujus facti & instituti ratio
esto.

Note that the year of our Lord God according to the
Computation of the Church of England, for the dates
of all Evidences, Records, and Writings beginneth
the 25 day of March; so that the 24 day of March is the
last day of the year 1654.

Watch and Pray.

The end of all things is at hand,
And therefore woe unto the Land
That doth not now with speed begin
To turn to God, and shake off Sin.
For Nation doth 'gainst Nation rise,
And fearful signs appear in skies
Of that same day that's coming on,
Which many one least think upon.
Defer not therefore, but Convert
To day, and harden not your heart;
Lest that you cry, when time is gone,
O Lord that we had not so done!
For then the Lord will stop his ear,
And your Complaint by no means hear.

YET a very little while, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry. Heb. 10, 37. Our Saviour hath invited and drawn us for to observe by a certain similitude and parable of a Fig-tree, saying, when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, yee know that Summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things (viz. Math. 24, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.) know that the Kingdom of God is near, even at the doors, Math. 32, 33. The Prophet Isaiah foretelling the signs that shall be the fore-runners or Harbingers of that dreadful day, Saith, that The Stars of Heaven, and the Constellations thereof shall not give their light, the Sun shall be darkned in his going forth, and the Moon shall not cause her light to shine, Isa. 13. 10. To which agreeth that of St. Math. cap. 24. v. 29, 30. saying, Immediately after the tribulation of those days, shall the Sun be darkned, and the Moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from Heaven, and the powers of Heaven shall be shaken, And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man, &c. And

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And St. Iohn prophecyng of that day, saith, *The Sun was as black as sackcloth of hair, and the Moon became as blood,* Revel. 6, 11. that is, (as sundry Divines do interpret) *The beauty of the Church shall be defaced, and the light of the Gospel shall be put out.* By which Scriptures it is apparent that the time approacheth, *when as the Heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the Elements shall melt with fervent heat.* If St. Iohns age was *hora novissima*, the last hour, then our time is surely the last minute; See what the Heathen Poet saith to the same purpose.

*Igni flagrabit Mundus, signumq; dabit hæc,
Enses atq; Tubæ simul, & Sole exoriente
Terribilem sonitum, mugitumq; audiat omnis
Mundus, & exuret terram omnem torridus ignis.
Hunc genus humanum, postquam delebit, & omnes
urbes & Fluvios exussent atq; profundum,
Omnia fient hæc mixtus fuligine pulvis.*

Orac. l. 4.

In English thus.

These signes the Worlds combustion shall forerun,
Armes clashing, Trumpets from the rising Sun,
Most horrid fragors heard by all: this frame
Of Nature then shall feed the greedy flame;
Men, Cities, Floods, and Seas, by Rav'nous lust
Of fire devour'd, all shall resolve to dust.

——— *Sic cum compage soluta
Secula tot mundi suprema coegerit hora,
Antiquum repentent iterum Chaos omnia, mistis
Sidera sideribus concurrent: ignea pontum
Astra petant: tellus extendere littora nollit,
Excutietq; fretum: fratri contraria Phæbe
Ibit, & obliquam bigas agitare per orbem*

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*Indignata diem poscet sibi, totaq; discors
Machina divulgata urbabit fœdera mundi. Luc. l. 4.*

The aged World dissolved by the last
And fatal hour shall to old Chaos hast,
Stars justling stars shall in the deep confound
Their radiant fires: The land shall give no bound
To swallowing Seas: The Moon shall cross the Sun,
With scorn that her swift Wheels obliquely run,
Days throne aspiring: Discord then shall rend,
The worlds crack'd frame, and Natures concord end.

Wherefore seeing that all things must be dissolved,
and that the signs forewarning us of our last day are
continually in our sight, and that the propheticall
Scriptures are perfectly accomplished, so that in all
probability the sixth day of the Worlds week is near
expired, I will conclude as I began, Watch and
Pray.

O Lord at our last dreadfull day,
Accept thy Christ for us we pray,
who did for us fulfill thy Law,
which none but he could doe we know;
And for our Sins did suffer death,
His merits Lord to us bequeath,
And grant us pardon hence for aye,
That we with him may rest alway.
AMEN say thou, O heavenly King,
And we shall Alleluja sing.

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Of Eclipses.

TWO Eclipses of the Sun may this year be observed upon the Superficies of this Globe of Mortality, the one whereof about the beginning of the year, the latter after the middle. The first of these in some part visible in our Horizon will happen upon *Saturday* the 27 day of *January*

The beginning thereof, (according to *Eichstadius*) will be

b. 2. m. 18. Sec. 57

The middle or greatest observation. *b. 2. m. 53. Sec. 37*

The end thereof at *b. 3. m. 28. Sec. 17*

The total duration *b. 1. m. 9. Sec. 20*

The digits eclipsed *1. dig. 16. m. 55. Sec.*

In *France, Italy, Spain*, and the fortunate Islands, &c. this Eclipse will be much more conspicuous then with us; The other I forbear to mention because not visible in our Hemisphere. *Luna nunquam quicquam hoc in anno obscurabitur.*

The Suns entrance into the four Cardinal signes of the Zodiaque.

After that God (for the Sin of Man) had brought a deluge upon the face of the whole Earth, and so destroyed it, he said, *Hereafter Seed-time, and Harvest, and Cold, and Heat, and Summer, and winter, and Day, and Night, shall not cease so long as the Earth remaineth.* Gen. 8. 22

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Of the Spring.

Æquinoctium vernum, or the pleasant season of Spring, whose return revives each vegetable, hath his beginning the tenth day of March, at one of the clock, and 58 min. in the afternoon, for then the resplendent Sun hath mounted from the Winter Solstice to the Æquinoctial Line, or the first scruple of Aries, at which time the day and night are of an equal length throughout the whole world:

Apollo now rides equally between
The worlds two Poles, and is as long time seen,
Within our Hemisphere ere that he leave us,
As in the other half world which is beneath us:
And mounting higher doth again revive
Things sensible as well as vegetive.
Man cheerfully trips o're th' enameld fields,
Which many sweet delights unto him yeilds;
There growe all Flowers to the Eye or Sent,
The which (almost) might give the Soul content,
Sweet Harmonies that please the dainty ear,
Melodious birds are chanting every where;
So shrill proceeds the Musick from their throats.
Rocks ring the Ecchoes of their well-tun'd notes.

This Quarter continueth until the 11 of June, at which time the Sun entreth the Summer Solstice, having run through these 3 signes V ♄ and II.

Of Summer.

Solstitium æstivum, or the Summer quarter, according to Astronomy hath his beginning when as that trans-

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transparent Lamp of light (the Sun) hath almost mounted to our Zenith, entring the first min. of the Tropical Sign *Cancer*, which is the *Æstival Solstice*, and is then in his greatest declination towards the North from the *Æquinoctial*, being then the longest day and shortest night in the year, and the 11 of June at 5 of the Clock in the afternoon, and 8 minutes after.

*Now do the fields with bearded grain wax white,
And Husbandmen o'r-joy'd to see that sight.
Up sluggards, sleep not, make ye hast to hay,
Whilst Titan heateth, work without delay:
For carefull Husbands that intend to thrive,
Must (like the Bee) bring honey to the hive.*

This Quarter continueth until *Phæbus* hath in his Majesty rid through these Summer signes, \odot , Ω , and ϖ , ending when *Titan* hath entred the first degree of \cap .

Of Autumn.

THe Autumnal *Æquinoctial* Quarter hath his beginning the 13 day of September, 9 minutes before 8 of the Clock in the morning, for then the magnificent Charetter *Apollo* enters the first scruple of \cap , making the day and night again of an equal length, producing the second *Æquinoctial*.

*No subcelestial things have permanence,
All things decay, compos'd of Elements:
How curiously of late was Tellus Crest
With various colours by sweet Flora drest?*

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As Roses, Lillies, Gilly-flowers, and Daisies;
 with Hony-suckles, and with yellow Craises,
 with millions more, which I cannot repeat,
 Such as by no means Art can counterfeit.
 But all those dressees wrought by Natures hand
 Are now cut off, and may no longer stand;
 The ample Fields are of their grain bereft,
 On Trees no fruit, nor leaves, at all are left:
 Meadows are rob'd of what delights them most,
 Narcissus soul, and Hiacinthus ghost.
 The Earth doth grieve, because she must intomb
 The seed she bare, again within her womb.

This Quarter endureth unill the day-guide, Phœbus,
 hath past ♄, ♀, and ♀.

OF Winter.

Solstitium Hyemale, the stay of the Sun in the Winter,
 for our Winter quarter, according to Astronomy, be-
 ginneth the 11 day of December, 41 min. after 7 of the
 Clock at night, at which time the Sun entreth into
 the first scruple of Capricorn, continuing until the
 Sun hath past through the Tropical sign ♋, and in
 like manner through ♏, and ♎.

Above the Horizon the Sun scarce peeps,
 But presently in th' Ocean he steeps
 His fiery steeds; Thetis so long detains him,
 Aurora jealous grows ere that she gains him.
 Through his long absence the wet Element
 Congeals to Ice; the Clouds which rain down sent,
 Drop flakes like wool; so that unto our sight,
 Brooks, woods, and Fields, are all dy'd perfect white;

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*Come gentle Spring, and let thy power be seen,
And blot out white, and write it all in green;
And Titan mount, let not dim Phoebe shine
Longer than thou, Lord of th' Ecliptick line.*

De quatuor Anni tempestatibus, Terrasticha.

*Vere Venus gaudet florentibus aurea fertis.
Decrescunt celeres Aëstivis ignibus annes.
Vilibus Autumnus turgenteis detrahit uvas.
Tristis Hyems monteis niveo velamine vestit.*

Of meer Politick Customs of the Jews, and first of their Civil times.

THe day at the first was called a natural day, beginning at the Sun-setting, containing 24 hours. In which day I smote Egypt, Numb. 8. 17. Yet in Exodus it is expressly said, That they were killed in the night. Exod. 11. 4.

The artificial day was from the Sun-rising to the Sun-setting, why sit ye here all the day long, from morning til night? Exod 8. 14. So in Jo. 11. 9. Are there not 12 hours in the day? that is, from the Sun-rising to the Sun-setting.

The day natural was divided into 4 Quadrants, or Parts, or Watches. The first from the Sun-setting til Midnight. The second from Midnight to the Sun rising. The third from the Sun-rising til the midst of the day, when the Sun is said to be in his strength. The fourth to the Sun-setting.

The artificial day was divided into 4 parts. The first from the Twilight til the third hour. The second to the sixth. The third to the ninth hour. And the fourth til night.

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The *Hebrews* divided their night into 3 Watches, and every Watch had 4 hours. The first, from the beginning of the night til the fourth hour, this was called *Caput Vigiliarum*, the beginning of the Watch, *Lam. 2. 19.* The second, *media Vigilia*, the middle Watch, *Judg. 7. 19.* The third, *Vigilia matutina*, the morning Watch, *Exod. 14. 14.*

The *Romans* divided the night into 4 Watches, and every Watch had 3 hours.

This Division of the day (by the *Jews*) lasted until the Captivity, where they learned the division of the day into hours, *Matt. 11. 24.*

An hour is either Simple or Compound,

A Compound is the fourth part of a natural day, which hath 4 Quadrants, and every one of these Quadrants, hath 3 Simple hours, and takes the denomination from the last of the 3 hours.

The 1 Quadrant is from the Sun-rising to the third hour, and it is called the third hour.

The 2 is from the third to the sixth, and it is called the sixth hour.

The 3 Quadrant is from the sixth to the ninth, and it is called the ninth hour.

The last Quadrant is from the ninth to the Sunset, and is called the last hour.

So *Mark* and *Luke* are to be reconciled, *Mar. 15. 28.* And it was about the third hour when he was crucified. *Luke 23. 44.* And it was about the sixth hour when he was crucified: that is, when the third hour was ended, and the sixth hour beginning, and not finished.

Of their Moneths.

THeir moneths consisted of full 30 dayes at the first, before the Children of *Israel* came out of *Egypt*;

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Egypt, they followed the *Egyptians* and *Chaldeans*, reckoning their moneths according to the course of the Sun, and their moneths were full thirty dayes, as may be gathered out of *Genesis* 8. 4, 6, 13, 14. The Flood began to wax the seventh day of the second moneth, and it began to decrease upon the seventh day of the seventh moneth; now from the seventh day of the second moneth, till the seventh day of the seventh moneth, are reckoned by the Scriptures 150 dayes, and maketh 6 moneths. So after they came out of *Egypt*, their moneths were also 30 dayes, *Num.* 11. 19. *Ye shall not eat one day, neither five dayes, neither ten dayes, but even a whole moneth*: where we may see that he goeth by gradation, from 1, 5, 10, and so to 20 and 30.

To expresse that the moneths had 30 dayes, *Cleobulus* propounded this Riddle, of a Father that had 12 Sons, and every Son had 30 Children.

*One Father hath twelve Sons, and every brother
His thirty Children hath, nor one like th' other,
They partly black, and partly white are they,
Still deathless, and yet dying every day.*

*Of the Antiquity of our Nation, together with
a reason why we call our weekly dayes by
the names of Sunday, Monday,
Tuesday, &c.*

IF this our Island were once a Continent to France, as *Verstegan* proveth, then I do suppose the most antient name thereof was *Samothea*: afterwards being made an Island by the Sea eating through that
little

little *Isthmus*, or neck of Land between *Dover* and *Calice*, it was called *Albion*, from *Albion* a Son of *Neptune*; by whom, and whose posterity, it was inhabited, until *Brute* made conquest of it. This *Brute* was not of the *Trojan* blood, but was first a King of a people called *Rutuli*, who being driven from thence (together with his Son *Turnus*) by *Aeneas* Prince of *Troy*, came into *France*, where they built the City *Tours*; as I find it reported by *Alstedius*, in his *Chronologie* of antient Cities. From thence he came into *Albion*, and vanquishing the old Inhabitants thereof, he called it (according to his own name) *Britannia*, or *Britain*. Afterwards it came to be invaded by the *Saxons*, who came and took possession of *Loggia*, the best part of *Britain*, leaving unto it the name of *England*, which unto this day, with daily increase of honour, it still enjoyeth: this was in the year of our Lord 447, and in the second year of King *Vortiger*. These *Saxons* were merely and originally a people of *Germany*, as *Verstegan* again declareth: So that the *English-men* issued from the noble Nation of the *German*s, or from the *Saxons* comming thence. Howbeit the whole Country was not generally called *England*, until the *Heptarchy* (or seven petty Kingdoms of the *Saxons*) was brought into a Monarchy by *Egbert* King of the *West-Saxons*, which happened about the year of our Lord 800.

It is also seen, that the antient *Teutonic* or *German* tongue, is the very ground of our *English* speech, although it be mixed now with many borrowed words out of other Languages. And as true also it is, that the names of our weekly dayes are no other than what those antient *Saxons* used. For being at the first Heathens, they had many Idols, which they worshipped; and among the rest, they appropriated seven to the seven dayes of the Week, The

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first was the Idol of the Sun, which had a day belonging to it, and this they called *Sunday*, which is as much as to say, the Suns day. The second was the Idol of the Moon, whereof we yet retain the name of *Monday*, instead of *Moonday*. The third was the Idol of *Tuisco*, the most antient peculiar God of all the *Germans*, and from this *Tuisco* we retain the name of *Tuisday*, or (as we now pronounce it) *Tuesday*. The fourth was the Idol *woden*, whom they reputed as their God of Warr: he was sometime a valiant Captain among them, and from hence came the name of *odensday*; which through tract of time is now called *wedensday*. The next was their Idol *Thor*, and of the weekly day which was dedicated to his peculiar service, we yet retain the name of *Thurs. day*, which amongst the *Danes* and *Swedes* is called *Thorsday*. The sixth was the Idol of their Goddess *Friga*, from whence came the name of *Friday*. The seventh and last of this number was their Idol *Seater*, unto whom the day dedicated came to be called *Saturday*: and thus came the dayes of the week to have their severall names. And note, that although I gave notice formerly concerning *Egbert*, that he was the first Monarch among the *Saxons*, by reducing the Heptarchy into a Monarchy, yet all the seven Kingdoms were not then under him, for he subdued onely the chief of them; and not till *Alfred* were all united. This *Alfred* left unto the *Danes*, Possession, but not Sovraignty, in *Northumberland*: he began to reign in the year 873, and divided *England* into Shires. After this, in the days of *Etheldred*, the *Danes* attempted once again to recover their Sovraignty, and put the Land to a great Tribute; but in the year of our Lord 1012. on *S. Brices* day at night, they were murdered in their Beds: which being done, *Swain* King of *Denmark* came with a Navy of 350 Sail into *England*, and caused *Etheldred*

to forsake his Kingdom, leaving both it and his Subjects to the mercy of the Danes. But in the year 1045. the Saxons were reenthroned in Edward the Confessour, who was the first among the Kings of England, that had power to cure the swelling of the Throat, called by us the Kings Evil. After this in the dayes of Harald, came in the Normans, in the year of Christ 1066. whose first King was William the Conquerour, the second William Rufus, the third Henry the First, the next Stephen: But in Henry the Second, the Saxon line was again restored. This continued till Henry the Seventh, who did not only unite the two houses of York and Lancaster together, but also the Saxon and the British blood: for he married Elizabeth, Daughter and Heir to Edward the Fourth, and was also extracted from the British Royal blood, as being Son to Edmond Tudor Earl of Richmond, who was Son to Owen Tudor, whose lineal descent was from Cadwallader the last British King. And from Margaret the eldest Daughter of the said Henry, (who was married into Scotland) came King James, in whom the two Kingdomes of England and Scotland were united. But no more of this.

*Memorable things worthy of Observation
in the County of Durham.*

THings of rare note observed in this County, are three Pits of a wonderfull depth, commonly called the Hell-Kettles, which are adjoyning near unto Darlington, whose watets are somewhat warm. These are thought to come of an Earthquake, which happened in the year of Grace, 1179. where-

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of the Chronicle of *Tinmouth* maketh mention, whose Record is this.

On *Christmases* day at *Oxen-hall* in the territories of *Darlington*, within the County of *Durham*, the ground heaved aloft like unto a Tower, and so continued all that day as it were unmovable, until the Evening, and then fell with so horrible a noise, that it made the Neighbour-dwellers sore afraid, and the Earth swallowed it up, & made in the same place three deep pits, which are there to be seen for a testimony unto this day.

Of no lesse admiration are certain stones lying within the River weere at *Butterbee* near *Durham*, from whose sides at the ebb and low water in the Summer, issueth a certain salt reddish water, which with the Sun waxeth white, and growing into a thick substance, becommeth a necessary Salt to the use of the by-dwellers.

Comitatus hic ad Septentrionem à Northumbria Derivatione fluvio dividitur, ad Occidentem, Cumbriam, et Westmerlandiam attingit : ad ortum Oceano Germanico pulsatur. Ambitus illius CIII. mill. pass. complectitur, triangulari ferè forma. Oppida habet VI. Ecclesias CXVIII.

Metropolis Dunelmus, vulgo Durham, situ editiori & munitissimo, spatio tamen non magno, Ovali quodammodo forma, viro flumine ab omni præterquam à Septentrione circumfunditur, & mœnibus firmatur : Ad Austrolem p rtem Cathedralis Ecclesia surgit turre conspicua : in medio imponitur Castrum, quodammodo intermedium inter duos pontes è saxo, quibus fluvius hinc ad ortum, illinc ad occasum conjungitur, habet & sua suburbia cum singulis Ecclesiis.

Cetera oppida sunt Bernard-Castle, Stayndrop, Darlington, Hartlepoole, Emporium celebre situ percommodum & statione fida. Awckland editiori tumulo impositum, ubi nuperrimi pulcherrimæ Episcopi Aedes, & insignis pons visitur.

Aër hujus Comitatus est valde acris & penetrans: solum varium; Orientalis pars Campestris, Australis montosa, versus occidentem petrosus est solum: re pecuaria tamen & carbone fossili incolis quaestuosum.

Places of elder time had in account by the Romans were *Benovium*, now *Binchester*; and *Condercum* *Chester* in the street, where their monies have been digged up, and at *Condercum* so much, that *Egelrick*, Bishop of *Durham*, was therewith made exceeding rich.

*Predictions of the weather by
infallible proofs.*

ALthough I purposed, and partly promised, to write of the disposition and inclination of the Weather, yet in regard I find that custom not so current, I commend to your Christian consideration the Words of the Almightyes Prophets, lest prejudging of my self, I should be counted a Moon-Prophet: Thus saith the Lord thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the Womb; *I am the Lord that maketh all things, that stretcheth out the Heavens alone, that spreadeth out the Earth by my self: That frustrateth the tokens of the Lyers, and naketh Diviners mad, that turneth wisemen backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish.* Isaith 44. 24, 25.

Wherefore take this Warrant for the Weather.

The Pleiades or seven Stars brings Rain, and Orion drought, *Job. 38.*

The North Wind blowing foresheweth cold, *Job. 37. 9.*

The Southwind or hear in Summer prognosticateth Whirl-wind, *Job. 37. 9.*

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The Wind coming North after Rain is a Token of fair Weather, *Prov.* 25. 23.

The Sky being red in the Evening is a sign of fair weather, *Matth.* 16. 2.

The Sky being red in the Morning early signifieth a Tempest at hand, *Matth.* 16. 3.

The Southwind blowing betokeneth heat, *Luke* 12. 5.

The Clouds arising out of the West are Arguments of Rain, *Luke* 12. 54. These predictions none can deny, because they are founded on the Starmakers Writ.

Verò nihil verum.

The Conclusion.

O that our eyes were fountains of sad tears,

Or that our sighs may fly and mount the speares,

Or that our true repentance were ascended,

To pacifie Gods wrath on us extended.

Lord in thy mercy sheath thy vengefull Sword,

And give free passage to thy sacred word :

Thou art the God of Peace : Oh grant that we

May through our Saviours Blood have Peace

[with thee]

All Glory be to God alone,

In persons three, and God but one.

FINIS.